**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, October 25, 2024**

**Austin, Texas**

**Call to Order:** Chair AJ Smullen called the Public Utility Law Section Council Meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2024, at the offices of the Texas Rural Water Association, 1616 Rio Grande, Austin, Texas 78701.

**Present:** Council members present were AJ Smullen, Carsi Mitzner, Lara Zent, John Carlton, Taylor Kilroy, Natalie Dubiel, Jessie Lance Horn, Jamie Mauldin, and Jessica Soos. Lexi Conaway, the Section Administrator, was also present. Ruben Arredondo, Todd Kimbrough, Evan Johnson, and Creighton McMurray were absent.

**Approval of Minutes**: Jamie Mauldin MOVED to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Seconded by Taylor Kilroy. MOTION CARRIED.

**Report from the Chair:** AJ Smullen welcomed everyone to his first meeting as chair and provided goals for the year, which included the Annual Conference, networking events, CLE webinars and lunch and learns. The beginning steps of planning the Annual Conference were discussed, along with speakers and topics.

**Report from the Treasurer:** Treasurer Carsi Mitzner did not have any updates to report.

**Council Calendar**: The Council discussed and agreed upon future Council meeting dates. The Council authorized purchasing a Zoom account to facilitate future Council meetings. The Council also agreed to tentatively schedule the next Section annual meeting for August 22, 2025, pending availability of venue space and vendors.

**Committees:** Three committees were formed: Events, Communications, and Nominations. There was a possible other committee discussed.

**Adjournment**: There being no further business to discuss, AJ Smullen adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.